processed expeditiously. After several references had been made to the NHQ by the Ministry of Defence, the NHQ reported that they had found the allegations to be without basis and that the matter had been decided to be closed. Since NHQ were not forthcoming to even furnish a copy of their internal enquiry report, the Ministry of Defence referred the matter to the CBI for enquiry. The enquiry by the CBI is still continuing.

No promotions have been given to officers against whom any charge has been established.

राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा परिषद में ख़ामियां

799. **प्रो.रामगोपाल यादव**:

श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक:

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार एशिया डिफेंस न्यूज इंटरनेशनल की विज्ञप्ति में " राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा परिषद में कई गंभीर खामियां" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित पूर्व लेफ्टिनेंट जनरल बी.के.सूद के विचार से अवगत हैं;

(ख) यदि हां,तो राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा परिषद में व्याप्त गंभीर ख़ामियों के लिए कौन-कौन व्यक्ति/प्राधिकार जिम्मेदार हैं;और

(ग) परिषद की खामियों को दूर कर उसे चुस्त बनाने एंव दोषी अधिकारियों के विरूद्व सख्त कार्यवाही करने हेतु सरकार क्या कदम उठाने पर विचार कर रही हैं या विचार करेगी ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज): (क) जी,हां (ख) राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा परिषद की कार्यप्रणाली में कोई कमियां प्रत्याशित नहीं है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

इलाहाबाद में केन्द्रीय आयुक्त डिपो का स्थानांतरण/बंद करना

800. **श्री चुन्नी लाल चौधरी**: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार इलाहाबाद के केन्द्रीय आयुध डिपो (सी.ओ.डी.) को वहां से हटाकर कहीं ओर ले जाने अथवा बन्द करने के सम्बन्ध में विचार कर रही हैं;और

(ख) यदि हां,तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज) (क) जी,हां ।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) के मद्देनज़र प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Financing commercial vehicles and other assets to ex-servicemen

801. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorandum of understanding has been signed between Director General, Resettlement, Ministry of Defence, and Tata Finance Ltd., for extending schemes for financing commercial vehicles and other assets to ex-servicemen; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Directorate General Resettlement and the Tata Finance Limited on 12th February, 1999. According to the provisions of the MOU, Tata Finance Limited will provide finance up to a maximum of 80% of the invoice value of the commercial vehicle to the desirous ex-Servicement, widows and dependant sons of deceased Defence service personnel recommended by the Directorate General Resettlement. The company will charge interest at 1% less than the prevailing rate charged by it to its customers recommended by Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company Ltd. (TELCO) Dealers/Direct Marketing Associates (DMAS). The Company will also strive to get the participation of TELCO for training of driver/owners, and assistance in economical deployment of the vehicles. The MOU will remain in force for a period not exceeding three years.